

Clock change brings wintry mix

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In a marked change to the blue skies and warm sunshine of the last two weekends, the clock change this weekend brings with it a return of a windy, wintry mix of weather.

Atlantic weather systems have already brought colder, north-westerly winds and some rain to parts of Britain. As the week goes on the weather will become increasingly unsettled and windy, with periods of rain and a mix of hail, sleet and snow showers.

Met Office forecaster, Will Lang, says: "The weather this weekend is going to be quite a contrast to the recent warm and sunny spell. Wind and rain mid-week will be followed by a wintry mix of rain, sleet and hail showers for Friday and Saturday. There is certainly the chance of snow at the weekend, especially over the hills in the east and north of Britain."

Temperatures reached 16 °C in the sunshine last weekend, bringing an early taste of spring. However, in typical March fashion, this weekend will see widespread frost at night and highs of around 8 °C by day with the wind adding an extra chill.

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